

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
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Minutes of the January 9, 2006 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2006 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members S. Hoag, P. Payton, O. Raadam, D. Stillinger, K. Tubbs, and N. Hagner. Also attending were M. Olmstead of the Tree Protection Committee.

CTEC's Purpose (NJ40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement – The meeting schedule for 2005-2006 was published in the Chatham Courier and Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

Ms. Hoag moved to accept the minutes from the December 12, 2005 meeting and Mr. Payton seconded, with all in favor.

Events

Tuesday, January 10, 2006 9 AM at GSWA office on Tempe Wick Rd., Presentation on TMDLs and water pollution.

Tuesday, January 17, 2006, noon, Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Morris County Green Table, Speakers John Murphy and David Helmer on Craigmear Recreation Area and Status of Greystone Park.

Thursday, January 26, 7:30 PM - Harding Municipal Building - Regional Open Space Meeting featuring Eileen Swann of the NJ Conservation Foundation will present a Greenways of NJ presentation specifically tailored to the ten towns of the Great Swamp and highlighting opportunities for greenway connectivity.

Tuesday, February 21, 2006, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, presentation on pesticides and organic lawn care. Promoted by Kathy Abbott and Lydia Chambers. All are welcome.

Saturday, April 8, 2006 8 AM to 5 PM, at the Princeton University Friend Center, NJ Environmental Federation 20th anniversary conference.

Action

Reorganization Dorothea Stillinger was elected Chair, motion by Ms. Hoag seconded by Mr. Raadam, Katherine Abbott was elected Vice-Chair (condition on her accepting), motion by Ms. Stillinger seconded by Ms. Hoag. Nicole Hagner is Township Committee liaison, Susan Hoag is Open Space Committee liaison, Lou Caprioglio is Planning Board liaison and welcome commission new member Paul Payton.

Meeting dates for 2006 are as follow second Monday of the month except October which will be on Tuesday the 17th, also first meeting for 2007 will be Tuesday, January 9, 2007. There will be no meeting in July.

Proposed projects for 2006 - annual cleanup, electronics recycling, tree brochure, data collection on conservation easements, solar parking lot lights for municipal building. Projects subcommittee meeting date to be set by email.

Application subcommittee meeting date Monday, January 16 @ 5:30 - review planning board applications.

Tree Brochure Subcommittee update by Mary Olmstead - possibly review draft brochure on January 19. Propose to recognize Kathy Metrocavich for her assistance with brochure. Brochure will also have information on deer management, water quality and wetlands assistance.

Informational presentation to Township Committee at the February meeting reporting 2005's annual report and goals/activities/projects for 2006. - Commission member needed to volunteer for presentation. Possibly D. Stillingner or K. Abbott. Keep on agenda.

Solar energy presentation by Mike Bammel to Township Committee. Ms Hagner will advise when this presentation will be able to take place. Keep on agenda.

Tree protection ordinance - N. Hagner. Possibly meeting next week. Keep on agenda.

Open Space tax referendum. Environmental Commission sent Twp Committee a letter on 12/14/05. Keep on agenda.

Board of Adjustment liaison is needed from the Environmental Commission. Meetings are twice a month, reviewing application for use variances. Please consider. See D. Stillingner.

Rolling Knolls landfill - check EPA superfund website.

Board Reports

Planning Board - L. Caprioglio attending reorganization meeting tonight.

Open Space Committee - S. Hoag - meeting at the end of month.

Township Committee - N. Hagner - nothing to report.

SEAMLESS Report - all are welcome to attend. Meetings are held on 4th Tuesday @ 8 AM - Madison municipal building. Will email minutes to commission members. D. Stillingner

Review development applications

CTEC Application Subcommittee comment memos were submitted to Board of Adjustment for St. Hubert's, and to Planning Board for Rynearson on Valley View Rd., Lin/Huang at 522 River Rd. Since then revised plans have been received for St. Hubert's and Rynearson.

Other

Reminder to commission members to print out and bring your copy of agenda and minutes to meeting.

Mail

Located on filing cabinet in meeting room - newsletters, announcements, etc.

The CTEC meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Scannelli
CTEC Minutes Secretary